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The Arizona Department of Public Safety Announces New Contact Procedure for Media Inquiries

The Arizona Department of Public Safety announces a new procedure to contact the "on-call" public information officer in the metropolitan Phoenix area. Effective immediately, news media requiring information from our PIO assigned in the Phoenix Metropolitan area can E-mail the on-call PIO at pio@azdps.gov.

Previously, the on-call PIO utilized a digital pager (602) 202-4926. In an attempt to expedite our response and relieve phone calls back and forth determining what information is being requested, the requestor can e-mail the on-call PIO their request. If the reporter is not at a computer, this request can be done from a cellular telephone that has text capabilities.

Currently, DPS only has full time PIO's assigned in Phoenix. There are two officers in Southern Arizona (Tucson), Officer Jim Oien and Officer Frank Torres, that share part time PIO responsibilities. These officers assist the Phoenix PIO office with incidents in their respective area.

This new e-mail format is only for the on-call PIO assigned in the metropolitan Phoenix area. If you have a local contact in your area, please continue to utilize them in addition to the fulltime staff in Phoenix.

There will be a 30-day transition period before we entirely discontinue the digital pager.

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